GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the Commodities included in the list of essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act;

(b) whether the Government have recently con- ducted or propose to conduct any review of the said Act/list; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): As on date, the following seven commodities are included in the Schedule of the Essential Commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955:

(1) Drugs;

Explanation: For the purposes of this Schedule, drugs has the meaning assigned to it in clause

(b) of section 3 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940);

(2) Fertilizer, whether inorganic, organic or mixed;

(3) Foodstuffs, including edible oilseeds and oils;

(4) Hank yarn made wholly from cotton;

(5) Petroleum and petroleum products;

(6) Raw jute and jute textiles;

(7) (i) seeds of food-crops and seeds of fruits and vegetables;

(ii) seeds of cattle fodder;

(iii) jute seeds; and

(iv) cotton seed.

(b): No. Madam

(c): Does not arise.